

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD DAVID DEAN,

Defendant.

CR 24–33–M–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto’s Findings & Recommendation Concerning Plea. (Doc. 12.) Because neither party objected, they are not entitled to *de novo* review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). Therefore, the Court reviews the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Defendant Ronald David Dean is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (Count 1), as set forth in the Information. (Doc. 1.) Judge DeSoto recommends that this Court accept Dean’s guilty plea as to the sole Count after Dean appeared before her pursuant to Federal

Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation and adopts them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 12) is ADOPTED in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dean is adjudged guilty as charged in Count 1 of the Information.

DATED this 5th day of August, 2024.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court